

IN THE CLAIMS



Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-37 (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) A method for in-situ coating a surface formed by a plurality of plasterboard sections, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a coating composition comprising calcium carbonate and, by weight, relative to the calcium carbonate, from 4% to 11% of a polymeric binder, from 0.60% to 1.5% of a thickening agent and from 0.10% to 0.35% of a surfactant, dispersed in water; and

applying the coating composition to a surface formed by the plasterboard sections using one of an airless spray coating technique and a roller technique.

39. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the binder is an EVA binder.

40. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the surfactant is sodium citrate.

41. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the thickening agent is an inert mineral thickening agent.

42. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the inert mineral thickening agent is derived from Attapulgate.

43. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the binder is present in an amount of approximately 5% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

44. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the binder is present in an amount of approximately 10% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

45. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of approximately 0.15% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

46. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of approximately 0.30% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

47. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the thickening agent is present in an amount of approximately 0.63% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

48. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the thickening agent is present in an amount of approximately 1.26% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

49. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, further comprising a preservative/biocide.

50. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the preservative/biocide is present in an amount of from 0.25% to 0.35% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

51. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the preservative/biocide is sodium benzoate.

52. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the preservative/biocide is present in an amount of approximately 0.30% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

53. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, further comprising the step of adding a pigment to the mixture.

54. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein the pigment is added in an amount of from 0.5% to 5% by weight relative to calcium carbonate.